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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 14

1. SUN (PAGE 2) "JULY WAS VERY BUSY FOR SOVIET ROCKETRY"
DATELINE WASHINGTON. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE SOVIET
UNION FIRED 22 MISSILES OF VARIOUS TYPES AND 9 SATELLITES
ORBITED IN JULY, ONE OF BIGGEST MISSILE AND SPACE
LAUNCHING EFFORTS IN A SINGLE MONTH. THERE INCLUDED SS-7,
SS-8, SS-11, AND EIGHT SSN-6. ONE SS-19 SHOT FIZZLED.

2. SUN EDITORIAL - "THOSE GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIET
UNION". AMERICAN DIPLOMATS SHOULD INSIST THAT RUSSIANS
PARTICIPATE IN WORLDWIDE FOOD RESERVE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE
ADVANCE NOTICE ON GRAIN NEEDS THAT THEY PROMISED.

3. WP - VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN "MOSCOW PUSHES THE REVOLUTION".
THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES ARE
TO TAKE A SHARP TURN TO THE LEFT, UNDER PROMPTING FROM
MOSCOW, IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LIE DORMANT FOR LONG. (REFERS
TO PRAVDA ARTICLE LAST WEEK URGING WESTERN COMMUNIST
PARTIES TO A MORE RAPID AND FORCEFUL MARCH TO SOCIALISM).

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4. WP - EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN "KISSINGER-SCHLESINGER AND

SALT". THERE IS A UNIFIED U.S. POSITION ON SALT NEGOTIA-

TIONS, BUT DEFENSE IRKED BY FACT IT WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE HELSINKI DISCUSSIONS. PENTAGON SUSPECTS KISSINGER WILL ABANDON MILITARY'S POSITION IF NECESSARY TO AVOID STALEMATE WITH SOVIETS. DECISION ON REMAINING ISSUES (BACKFIRE BOMBER, CRUISE MISSILES, AND MISSILE SIZE) UP TO PRESIDENT.

5. CSM (PAGE 13) "OUTSPOKEN CONGRESSWOMAN IRKS SOVIET HOSTS" BY ELIZABETH POND. CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK'S OUTSPOKEN ADVOCACY OF HUMAN FREEDOM RESULTED IN SOME RUSSIANS CHARGING HER WITH DAMAGING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. BUT IN SPITE OF OCCASIONAL FLARE-UPS, ONE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT NOTED THAT RUSSIANS SEEM TO BE TAKING THE AMERICAN-STYLE FREE-FOR-ALL WITH MUCH GREATER EQUANIMITY THAN IN THE PAST. CONGRESSMEN ARGUED HUMAN-RIGHTS QUESTIONS NO LONGER JUST INTERNAL AFFAIRS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE HELSINKI DECLARATION.

6. WSJ (PAGE 24) "ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET UNION SEEMS TO HAVE PLENTY OF OIL, ITS PRODUCTION IS LAGGING BEHIND GOALS". KISSINGER

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